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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 1628 ACTION SECSTATE 16 MAY

QUOTE

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SUBJ: INCIDENT AT YUGOSLAV MISSION

1. YUGO DEPUTY PERM REP JOB CALLED ON AMB BENNETT MAY 15 AND PRESENTED NOTE PROTESTING ATTEMPT BY "ARMED INDIVIDUALS" TO PENETRATE YUGO MISSION TO UN ON MAY 14. JOB SAID ASSAILANTS WERE MIDDLE-AGED MEN WHO SPOKE "HIGHLY COLLOQUIAL" SERBO-CROATION. IN ORAL PRESENTATION, JOB REITERATED MAIN POINTS OF NOTE AND EMPHASIZED CONCERN FOR SECURITY OF MISSION IN FUTURE.

2. AMB BENNETT TOLD JOB USG DEPLORES SUCH INCIDENTS AND THAT USUN WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH NY POLICE.

3. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS

COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM THAT, ON 14 MAY 1975, AT ABOUT 11:30 A.M., TWO ARMED INDIVIDUALS, MOST PROBABLY BELONGING TO THE RANKS OF FASCIST EMIGRES, ATTEMPTED TO PENETRATE FORCIBLY INTO THE BUILDING OF THIS MISSION AND TO COME INTO PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE HEAD OF THE MISSION. IN THIS THEY WERE PREVENTED BY THE STAFF OF THE MISSION. THE POLICE, WHICH WAS CALLED TO INTERVENE, TOLD THE AFOREMENTIONED INDIVIDUALS TO LEAVE THE DOORWAY OF THE MISSION, BUT FAILED TO ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY OR TO SEARCH THEM, ALTHOUGH THE POLICE HAD BEEN WARNED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSION PRESENT AT THE SCENE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION WERE ARMED.

THE ABOVE CONSTITUTES A MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT AND GRAVE DEVELOPMENT, REPRESENTING A FURTHER EXTREMELY DANGEROUS ESCALATION LEADING TO MOST SERIOUS CRIMINAL ACTS, AS HAD BEEN WARNED IN THIS MISSION'S NOTES NO 1420/74 OF 4 NOVEMBER 1974 AND NO 1515/74 OF 26 NOVEMBER 1974, WHERE IT WAS CLEARLY STATED THAT "FAILURE TO DEVOTE ADEQUATE AND SERIOUS ATTENTION IN THE PAST HAS LED, AS A RULE, TO A RECURRENCE OF EVER ESCALATING CRIMINAL ATTACKS ..." AND THAT "ONLY THE STRICTEST IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF ADEQUATE MEASURES OF PROTECTION TO THE YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CAN PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF ATTACKS".

THE MISSION OF THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS CATEGORICALLY REITERATES THAT THE REPEATED INADEQUATE ATTITUDE OF THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES OF THE HOST COUNTRY IS UNACCEPTABLE AND DEPLORABLE. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT, IN THE GIVEN CASE, THE POLICE OFFICERS PRESENT HAD FAILED TO CARRY OUT THEIR MOST ELEMENTARY DUTY, NAMELY, IMMEDIATELY TO APPREHEND THE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION AND ESTABLISH THEIR IDENTITY, ALTHOUGH INFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE MISSION, DURING THE INCIDENT, THAT THE SAID INDIVIDUALS WERE ARMED.

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IT IS ALSO TO BE NOTED THAT THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND, THROUGH THE EMBASSY OF THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA IN WASHINGTON, OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RECENTLY DRAWN TO REPEATED HOSTILE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY FASCIST HOOLIGANS AGAINST THE YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK AND THAT, SINCE THEN, NO MEASURES AIMED AT STRENGTHENING THE SECURITY OF THIS MISSION HAVE BEEN TAKEN, SO THAT, DURING THIS GRAVE INCIDENT, A MEMBER OF THE MISSION STAFF WAS COMPELLED TO LOOK FOR THE POLICE IN THE NEIGHBORING STREET.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED

NATIONS LODGES A MOST ENERGETIC PROTEST AND UNDERLINES
THE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITY INCURRED BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES
OF THE HOST COUNTRY IN VIEW OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND
THE SITUATION REFERRED TO IN THE EARLIER NOTES OF THIS MISSION
TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SFR OF YUGOSLAVIA REQUESTS
THAT THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES OF THE HOST COUNTRY CONDUCT
A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND UNDERTAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES
OF PROTECTION, AND THAT IT BE INFORMED WITH REGARD TO BOTH
OF THESE MATTERS.

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